



September 2024 Newsletter

Welcome back to all our returning students and
Welcome to our new families!
We're so glad to have you all here!

SEPTEMBER TUITION - All tuition and annual registration fees are due this first week of class to avoid any late charges on your accounts. A \$10 late fee will be added on **Saturday, September 21st** and additional fees will be added each week that fees are not paid. Thank you for paying on time!

SHOE ORDERS: Please see the front desk to submit your orders with payment by Friday, **September 27th**. We use pink ballet shoes, tan tap & jazz shoes. Hip hop students can wear their jazz shoes or clean tennis shoes (not ones that are worn outside) for classes. Tumbling students tumble in bare feet for classes but can wear gripper socks if they get cold feet especially in the winter.

INFORMATION: We send out information regularly. We use Remind as our texting service, Mailchimp for our monthly email newsletters and our Facebook page. Please be sure you are signed up for both services (signups are on our website under News) and follow our Facebook page so you get all needed information. We also have a calendar and white board in the studio and a google calendar that is on our website that you can link to your own calendar. Our website is also updated on a regular basis and has a ton of information.

CLASS ATTIRE: Please come dressed, ready to start class with hair pulled up away from your face. Appropriate clothes are comfortable with plenty of stretch. Jeans (or anything else made of denim) are not to be worn as well as dresses/skirts as both make it hard to see body positions. Dancewear, t-shirts, knit/stretchy shorts, leggings (not jeggings) are all fine. A sweatshirt or pants may be worn to warm up with dance clothes underneath as students get too warm. **All jewelry must be removed!** Stud earrings are fine.

NEED HELP PAYING FEES? We will be hosting fundraisers that can help all our participating students pay any and all of their student fees, including costumes, shoes, tights and tuition!! Student accounts are not usable for studio store purchases. Watch for more information soon!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: All our important dates are on our Google calendar. Costume deposits are due by **December 20th**. This is a deposit of \$40 per costume. Forms will be handed out a couple weeks prior to the due date. **FOR TEAM MEMBERS ONLY: Your deposits are due on October 18th!**

WAITING ROOM: It's very small so sitting and waiting is unfortunately, very limited. Most of our parents enjoy shopping & running errands while kids are in classes since we're so close to the Levee District. 😊

WATER BOTTLES: Please send water bottles with your students especially if they're taking more than one class! They work hard and get very thirsty! We do have cold water bottles available for \$.25 each.

WATCH WEEKS: We don't allow spectators in classes as students don't learn well with an audience so we schedule watch weeks. The first watch week is the **week of December 15th**. Only 1 parent may watch at one time. You may record your students if you'd like. Please turn sound off on phones and keep talking to a minimum to limit distractions. If you must have a conversation (phone, facetime or otherwise) please take it to the waiting room or outside. **TEAM STUDENTS: PLEASE DO NOT PUBLISH VIDEOS ANYWHERE UNTIL AFTER COMPETITION SEASON STARTS FOR PRIVACY ISSUES.**

PARKING LOT: Our lease states that we agree to have our parents park in the middle of the lot and **not directly in front of the building**. If you are picking up or dropping off, we do want you pull up in front of the building for a couple minutes for the safety of your child. A lot of traffic that goes through the lot!

Our website, SaraKatesDanceStudio.com, has all the necessary information that you could ever need and is updated frequently. Newsletters are published monthly on our website and sent by email. A few are available in the studio to take home or one is on the bulletin board to read in studio.